

Easter Sunday

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (April 17th – April 23rd)	
Monday:	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday:	7:00 pm Women in Service Yearend Meeting 7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 pm Pioneer Club
Friday:	10:15 am Seniors Tea at Pleasant Manor

Next Sunday, April 23rd		Office Hours This Week: Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
8:45 am	Praise & Worship Practice	
9:30 am	German Choir Practice	
9:45 am	Lighthouse Praise & Worship	
9:50 am	Choir Practice	
10:00 am	German Worship Service	
10:00 am	Lighthouse Kids Ministry	
10:00 am	Baptism Class	
11:00 am	Worship Service – Message from John Tiessen	
Next week's Nursery volunteers: Becky Bartel & Julia Bartel		

For a complete listing of church events, please see our online calendar on our church website.

Offering of April 2nd : \$0.00			
Budget	\$0.00	MCC General	\$0.00
Christian Witness	\$0.00	MCC Food	\$0.00
Offering of April 9th : \$0.00			
Budget	\$0.00	MCC General	\$0.00
Christian Witness	\$0.00	MCC Food	\$0.00

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,900. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of Christian Witness. These contributions go to Mennonite Eastern Canada (MEC) where they are further allocated to support missionaries (including our Mission Partners the Dirks), education, leadership training, church planting, as well as administrative support and benefits. They count on our support. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.

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NUMC Services & Sermons are available online.

Individual Sermons or Sermon Series are available for purchase, formatted on CD or DVD. Please place your order through the church office.

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

April 16, 2017

~ Easter Sunday ~

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Gathering Laury Willms

Call to Worship Steve Cox

Congregational Life & Announcements Steve Cox

Worship in Song Choir

“Alleluia He is coming”

“Low in the grave He lay” HWB #273

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

“Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)”

Offering Focus- MCC

“Halle Halle Halle” Choir

Proclamation

Children’s Moment Jon Bradnam

“Worthy is the Lamb”

“Looking for God knows what” David Lewis

(Scripture – Mark 16: 1-8 Al Teichroeb)

Sending

“Holy is He”

Benediction Joachim Dau

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Laurene Nickel & helpers

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“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community” expresses our desire to share our faith and love of Jesus Christ with all we meet. We welcome you and hope that your time with us will be enjoyable and enlightening. Families with children are invited to worship together with us in the service. For children 5 years old or younger who are not able to sit through the church service, there is a nursery downstairs, or a glassed-in room behind the sanctuary where you may sit with your baby and still follow the service. If you feel a sense of belonging, you are most welcome to be with us. Talk to us about how you can participate.  
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Live Streaming Privacy Notice – Our church services are live streamed over the internet, capturing the stage and up to the front half of the church in the picture that is transmitted. We encourage all ages to sit towards the front of the church to showcase our lively and active congregation! Thanks for your support.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) scheduling volunteers for Fort McMurray response. Weekly volunteers are needed starting May 14 to begin rebuilding in Fort McMurray. Volunteers have two options. Sign up for Fort McMurray, where volunteers will construct basements or sign up for Saskatoon, where volunteers will build Ready to Move homes that will be moved to Fort McMurray and set on the basements. To sign up contact the Weekly Crew Volunteer Coordinator, Darin Bontrager at dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net or by calling 1-800-241-8111. You can also fill out an online form at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/>.

More info is available on the XXXXX board in our foyer.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: Save the date – **April 23 - May 14** – to join all or part of a 600 km pilgrimage from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa. Details at www.pfir.ca.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Thank you to everyone who baked, helped and attended the Pleasant Manor Auxiliary Spring Bake Sale and to the Auxiliary for all their work and volunteered time. The sale was a huge success, \$4177.41 was raised.

Prayer Night- please see the poster on the community board in our foyer and feel welcome to join together with other community churches on Friday April 28th in the NOTL Community Centre to pray for unity amongst the churches in this area.

Canadian Cancer Society is in need of Leadership Volunteers for the Niagara-on-the-Lake branch board. Be part of the future. Help share the direction of the Canadian Cancer Society in your area. If interested please contact Kim Spiessmann at kspiessmann@ontario.cancer.ca 905-684-6455 ext. 3152

The next MEDA Breakfast will be **Thursday, April 20th at 7:30am** at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs. We will be joined by guest speaker Audrey Petkau, owner of TourMagination. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 and everyone is invited to attend.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Plant Tent is looking for donations of plants: perennials, succulents, house plants, native, berries, shrubs, and annuals. We would love your potted plants, labelled with name if possible and mention the colour if it has a bloom. More details on delivery, quantity, etc. will be on our website in the coming weeks (www.nhmrs.com).

10th Annual Run for Relief May 27th at 8:00 am at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Come out for some exercise and work up an appetite before enjoying all the great food at the Relief Sale! This fun event includes a 5k Run and a 2k Run/Walk. You can register for the race, select your t-shirt size, set up a customized page, tell your friends, and collect donations online at nhmrs.com/run-for-relief. All money raised goes to support MCC.

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

MCEC Annual Church Gathering: The Great Recommission - Matthew 28:19. **Friday, April 28 - Saturday, April 29** at the Meeting House, Oakville. Rescue Junction, Bruxy Cavey, workshops, Relearning Community, Sacred Trust, and more! If you are interested in attending please contact April Michon in our church office so you can be registered.

MCEC has made available lawn signs that welcome new Canadians. As Christians, we are called to speak out against any form of violence & especially those that are motivated by religious discrimination and lead to the tragic loss of life. In 3 languages, the sign reads, "No matter where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbour." These signs are available for purchase in our Welcome Centre for \$10 each (which includes the "H stake" for your lawn).

Women of MCEC invite women of all ages to St Jacobs Mennonite Church, **April 22.** Registration and Coffee 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Program 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Guest speaker, Carol Penner currently. Topic: "body and soul" Singing, Scripture, Stories, Sharing. Carol Penner teaches and writes in the area of practical theology. After many years as a pastor Mennonite congregations, she joined the faculty of CGUC. She has a popular blog <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>. Offering towards WMCEC Conrad Grebel Scholarship.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

God bless and comfort those who are suffering among us. Although their names are not published weekly, there are those who need to be lifted up to God. We are encouraged to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who have experienced joy. Please continue to reach out to those around you and extend the loving care of God. How blessed we are to be in His family!

Henry Epp passed away April 11th, funeral service will be here on Wednesday April 19th at 11:00 a.m. The choir is invited. Visitation will be held at ?.

Reinhard Gau is having surgery on April 18th at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton for a lung tumour. The family requests your prayers for Reinhard's recovery.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Please note the upcoming following pastoral staff vacations: Pastor Stephen Cox is on vacation from April 17th – 24th. April Michon will be out of the office from April 17th- 28th. Pastor David Lewis is on vacation from April 21st- May 4th. Please note that from April 21st-23rd John Tiessen will be providing pastoral coverage for our congregation. The church office will be closed on Easter Monday.

Change is Good Coin Campaign Thank you to all who participated in the Change is Good Coin Campaign in support of Niagara Life Centre. Today marks the end of the campaign. Please return your coin collector containers today or next Sunday to the Welcome Center, or if you'd like to drop it off mid-week, it can be delivered to the church office. Monies given will support the life-changing programs at NLC. Every dollar is appreciated and used wisely. Please prayerfully consider your ongoing support of this ministry. We rejoice to see how graciously God provides for needy individuals and families right here in your community. Thank-you from Niagara Life Center!

The May/June Upper Room Devotionals are here! Please pick up your copy from your mailbox.

Niagara on the Lake Peach festival – Saturday August 12. In past years we have produced and sold Peach Salsa and Jam at the festival. Our participation in the festival very much fits with NUMC's renewed focus to engage the local community. Here is where we need the congregation's help. We need to commit to making peach salsa and participating in the Festival within the next few weeks. In particular, at this time, we are asking for volunteers to commit to helping on August 12th and the week leading up. Sign-up sheets will be in the

foyer for the next two Sundays. Without commitment we will likely need to decline participating this year. Please contact Bill Devolin if you can help. 905-468-4452.